



## **Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023**



**Good afternoon, friends, and families,**

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December! I cannot quite believe it. The weather has turned much colder, the Christmas decorations are up, it's Christmas time!

There are only two and half weeks of this term remaining, and as always at this time of year, there are lots of events taking place in school as well as learning taking place.

### **GRAFT Events**



Information was sent home this week via Parent Mail, and all children came home with paper copies as well, outlining events that have been planned by GRAFT. **I have attached another copy of the information to this newsletter.**

Please familiarise yourselves with the events planned, and we look forward to celebrating this festive period with all families.

### **After-School Clubs Update**

I wrote to all families last week explaining that there will be no after-school clubs on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** due to events taking place after school.

On **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of January** – the first day of term – building club and multi-sports will take place to replace one of the above dates.



### **Cold Weather**

You will have noticed that the weather has turned extremely cold this week and the average temperature has been 4 degrees. We have had some children coming to school without a coat, and some without jumpers. **Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for this colder weather.**

The 'cold snap' looks set to continue so please take care when driving to and from school as the lanes will be icy,

### **Bronze Badges**

In assembly this afternoon, we will be awarding bronze badges to those children who have reached 10 full weeks in school this term. **Well done to Louie, Denny, Isabella, Callum, Daisy-Mae, Demi, Ava, and Arthur.** **Wear your badges with pride and keep up the great attendance!**



<b>Attendance</b>		
<b>Class Banksy</b>	<b>Class Blake</b>	<b>Class Wiltshire</b>
<b>100%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>88%</b>



**Well done to Class Banksy for another £10 in your attendance fund! Fabulous!**

## Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Natty  
Class Blake: Oliver  
Class Wiltshire: Cassie

## Curriculum News

### Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children have been learning how to recognise numbers up to 20 and representing them in different ways as well as solving word problems. **For example, If I had 18 cakes, and 4 were eaten, how many cakes would I have left?** The spelling focus has been re-visiting common sounds in words to see if the children can recognise and spell correctly. As well as this, the children in Year have been practising saying different 'real' and 'nonsense' words. Well done, everyone! With just over one week to go until the Nativity, rehearsals are in full swing, and the children are working very hard to remember their lines and songs.

### Class Blake

In art this week, the children have been designing and painting their own Tudor Houses. These were then set on fire to show the affect the Fire of London had on the city and how quickly it spread! Photographs have been uploaded to the school Facebook page. Times Tables have again been taught and patterns to help the children recall times tables at speed. The focus has been 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables. The children have also been working very hard with their SPAG work and remembering what adjectives, adverbs and noun phrases are. As well as this, how to recognise the past, present, and future tenses. **For example, I was eating my dinner. I am eating my dinner. I will be eating my dinner.**

### Class Wiltshire

In D/T this week, the children have started to design and build their bird houses. Lots of planning has taken place and the building stage took place this week. The children were discussing how their original plans may have to change and we discussed how important this is when designing. This week, assessments have been taking place across reading, SPAG and maths. These assessments have been key to see what the children have retained over this term, and for areas to be re-visited again during lessons. The children have worked extremely hard! Year 6 completed MOCK SATs papers with Mr. Merriman, and these will be used to further support the children moving forward into the school year. Well done to Year 4 for completing a practice Multiplication Check (MTC) and recalling times tables 1-12 at speed.

Team Points for the end of this week are:

503



526



389



**TEAM RUBY HAVE THE LEAD WITH JUST TWO AND HALF WEEKS OF TERM REMAINING!**

### Golden Book

Well done to **all the children in Reception** for counting and recognising numbers up to three. **All of Year 6** did very well in their MOCK SATs papers this week – well done to all of you! **Louie** wrote an excellent story using descriptive vocabulary and neat handwriting. **Henry** showed some excellent behaviour when following instructions – well done!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the beginning of December and putting some decorations up ready for the festive period.

Mr Merriman

**G**enerosity **A**spiration **D**iscovery **R**esponsibility **O**pen-mindedness **W**elcoming

At Gaddesden Row JMI School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take E-Safety very seriously. With the support of parents, we pro-actively teach our pupils how to keep themselves safe, including online.